ACQUISITION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (ACE) SERVICES

WR-ALC/AE

ACE Capabilities Overview

WR-ALC AE Website:

https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/AE/

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# of Excellence Background

- **AE Directorate or Acquisition Center of Excellence (ACE)**
  - **Multi-functional organization, experienced program managers, engineers, price analysts and contracting officers with source selection expertise**
  - **Mirrors acquisition Integrated Product Teams (IPTs)**
- **ACEs exists at all AFMC Product, Logistics, and Test Centers, and Labs**
- **Leverage the knowledge of a few experts**
  - **Support 100s of acquisitions**
  - **Support acquisition Integrated Product Teams (IPTs) across the center**
- **Leverage the Knowledge Skills & Abilities (KSAs) of the AF federated ACE team**
  - **Provide standardization**
  - **Insure integrity of our acquisition processes**

AQ's Trusted Agent

- **AE responsibilities related to AQ's "Agile Acquisition" initiatives:**
  - ***Collaborative Requirements***
  - ***Technology Transition***
  - ***Seamless Verification***
  - ***Sustaining Engineering***
  - ***Expectations Management***

What AE provides

- **Single focal point for the following policy areas:**
  - **Market Research (e.g., FAR 10)**
  - **Contractor Performance Assessment Reports (CPARs) (AFMCI 64-107)**
  - **Source selection tradeoff process (e.g., FAR 15.1 and 15.3 and supplements, and the Air Force procedures guide)**
    - **Includes:**
      - **Air Force Basic, Median and Agency source selection procedures**
      - **Performance-Price Tradeoff (PPT),**
      - **Technically Acceptable Performance-Price Tradeoff (TA-PPT)**
      - **Other similar techniques**

AE Assistance

- **Thresholds for AE involvement:**
  - **> $5M – formal kick-off meeting required**
  - **>$500K - <$5M – completed checklist required for all PEO/DAC contract actions**
- **Best Value Acquisitions**
  - **Full involvement in competitive trade-off acquisitions involving considerations in addition to technical pass/fail, price and past performance (e.g., TA-RPPT, AFFARS 5315 source selection)**
  - **Limited involvement, i.e., training only, in TA-PPT and PPT acquisitions less than $5M**

AE Assistance

- **Exclusions –**
  - **Build-to-print sole source part number**
  - **FMS LOA directed sources**
  - **Invitations for Bid**
  - **Architectural & Engineering Services**
  - **MIPRS**
  - **Engineering change proposals**
  - **Funding actions**
  - **All sole source requirements not requiring an Acquisition Plan**
  - **All orders against existing contracts/schedules**

AE Assistance

- **AE includes:**
  - **Public Private Partnership Council Secretariat**
  - **Source Selection Facility Management**
  - **Tools, Equipment**
  - **Acquisition Planning and Acquisition Strategy**
  - **Best Values / Source Selection**

AE Assistance

- **Kickoff Meetings – Acq strategy, brainstorming, requirements development assistance, initial risk discussion – single point to engage CA, BC, AE, etc.**
- **Just-In-Time Training: Source Selection Workshop, CAIV, Best Value, CPARs, Oral Proposals, SOO/SOW Assistance, Market Research, PRAG Training and Technical Team Training**
- **Risk Assessment Workshops**
- **Market Research Center of Expertise**

AE Assistance

- **Hands-on Technical Support**
  - **Source Selection Expert Advisors (SSEAs)**
  - **Engineering Advisors (SOW, MR, CAIV)**
  - **Contractor Performance Rating Advisors**
- **EZ Source**
- **Tools on Web: https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/AE/**
- **Early Industry Involvement (EII) – Industry Days, Risk Assessment, ASPs**

Special Emphasis Areas

- Source Selection Facilities
- Risk Assessment
  - Industry and war fighter full participants
  - Ventana software: Decision Support Center
- Acquisition Planning Advisor
  - Assistance with preparation and review
  - ASP Secretariat
  - Interface with PEOs and Center Commander on acquisition issues

PRE-AWARD PROCESS

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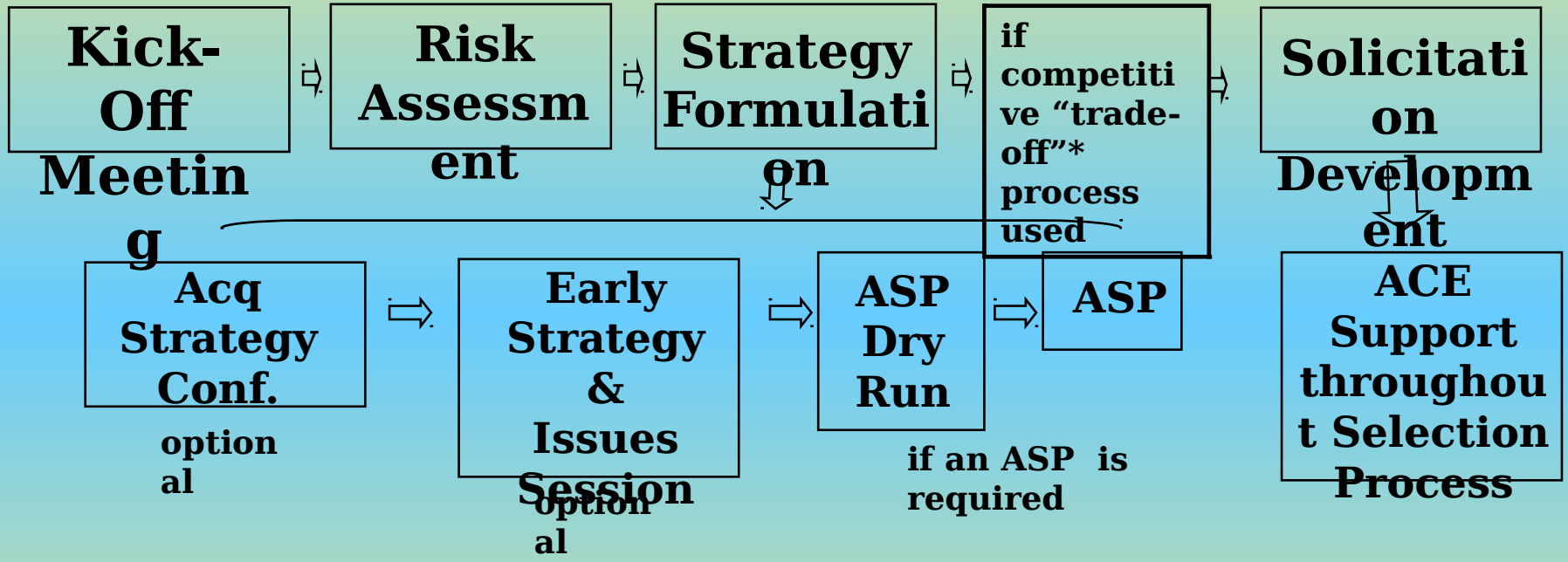

*Trade-off Process is defined in FAR 15.101-1 – "to consider award to other than the lowest priced offeror or other than the highest technically rated offeror."

AE Mission

- **The AE mission is to transform and continuously improve the acquisition and sustainment logistics processes at WR-ALC and is available to assist you with your acquisition.**

AE Organization Chart

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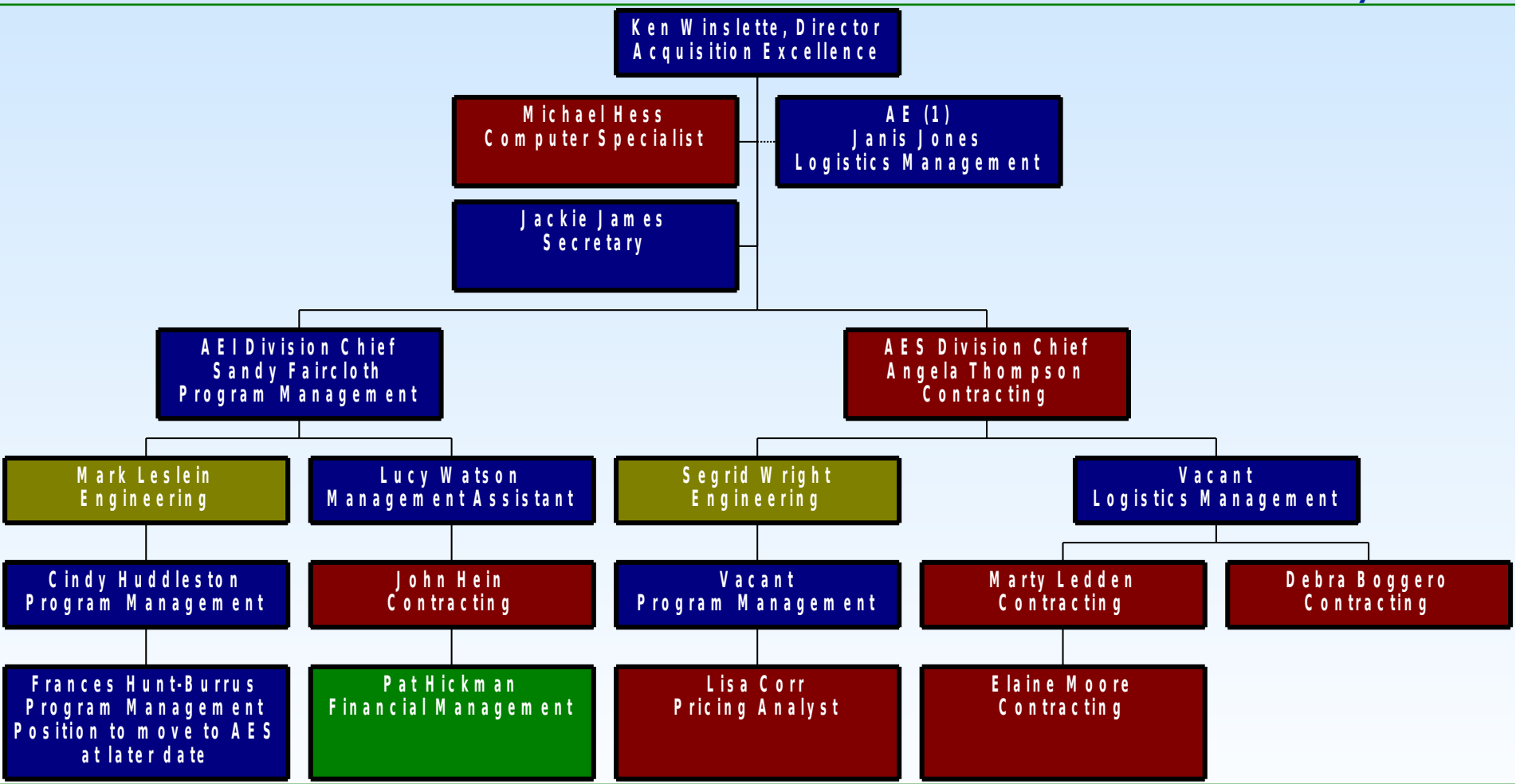

AE Positions

Matrixed Positions: PK EN